

CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES  
August 9, 2012

The Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met at 4:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building located at 201 W. Gray Street on the 9th day of August, 2012, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT:	Members Don Allen, Keith Allen, W. E. Duff, Malaka Elyzagi, George Henderson, Don Holyfield, Eddie Sims and David Wilson
ABSENT:	None
COMMITTEE LIAISONS:	Dana Cramer, IAFF (present) Joel Formby, FOP (present) Brandon Brooks, OU (absent)
STAFF PRESENT:	Keith Humphrey, Police Chief Captain David Teuscher, Police Department Anthony Francisco, Finance Department Suzanne Krohmer, Finance Department James Fullingim, Fire Chief Kathryn Walker, City Attorney's Office
OTHERS PRESENT:	Councilmember Lockett Councilmember Gallagher Councilmember Kovach

The meeting was called to order by Chair Holyfield.

Item 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE AUGUST 9, 2012, MEETING.

Member Wilson moved that the agenda of the August 9, 2012, meeting be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Member Sims;

Items submitted for the record

1. Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee August 9, 2012, meeting agenda

and the question being upon approving the agenda of the August 9, 2012, meeting, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:

Members Don Allen, Keith Allen, W. E. Duff, Malaka Elyzagi, George Henderson, Don Holyfield, Eddie Sims and David Wilson

NAYES:

None

Chair Holyfield declared the motion carried and the agenda of the August 9, 2012, meeting was approved.

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Item 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2012.

Member Sims moved that the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of July 12, 2012, be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Member Allen;

Items submitted for the record

1. Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee July 12, 2012, minutes

and the question being upon approving the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of July 12, 2012, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:

Members Don Allen, Keith Allen, W. E. Duff, Malaka Elyzagi, George Henderson, Don Holyfield, Eddie Sims and David Wilson

NAYES:

None

Chair Holyfield declared the motion carried and the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of July 12, 2012, were approved.

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Item 4, being:

MONTHLY UPDATES.

Finance Report

Anthony Francisco, Finance Department, discussed the July financial reports.

Chair Holyfield said that he had heard from some rank and file members of the Police Department that Public Safety funds were being used to supplant the City's budget. He said that he feels it is being appropriately spent, but asked Mr. Francisco to prepare an overview of the last 5 years showing the increase/decrease in the General Fund Budget for public safety.

#### Fire Department Report

Chief Fullingim reported that construction was on schedule for Fire Station No. 9.

There will be 21 members of the next academy that will begin on September 12<sup>th</sup> and graduate on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chief Fullingim then spoke about the recent fires.

#### Police Department Report

Captain Teuscher reported on COP efforts. Problem Oriented Police Training is continuing. All 12 graduates of the academy are on the street. Applications are proceeding for the next academy.

National Night Out – there were 21 events and they were well attended. There will be a door hanging event in areas adjacent to the University of Oklahoma.

Member Holyfield asked if the committee could see the evaluation forms that are used for officers.

Captain Teuscher talked about the anti-bullying campaign and the class work that is being developed. The committee asked if that information could be presented to them; Captain Teuscher said that it would be ready at the October meeting.

Captain Teuscher said that 7 apartment complexes had agreed to participate in the Crime Free Housing program.

Item 5; being:

#### DISCUSSION OF THE CITIZEN'S PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

Former Councilmember Bob Thompson talked with the committee about the history of the Public Safety Sales Tax. He said this effort was developed because citizens wanted commitment and specificity in the plan. The idea of an oversight committee was established as an incentive to pass the tax. He said the committee was seen as an early warning system if the plan was not being executed properly. At the end of the term of the tax, it was expected that the committee would make recommendations to the public as to whether and how the tax should be continued. He feels the committee is the key to continuing the public safety sales tax. They are the independent voice of the citizens and should develop a way to communicate with the public.

He said that there are three things the Committee offers to the public:

1. Oversight to serve as an early warning system if the plan isn't followed
2. Interactions between citizens and public safety people to communicate needs



3. Informed recommendation to the public as to how well this tax money has been spent and whether it should be renewed.

He thanked the members of the committee for their service.

Item 7; being:

ESTABLISH TOPICS FOR NEXT AGENDA.

Topics identified for the next agenda. Meeting to be held August 94, 2012

1. Discussion of Norman Police Department's Officer Evaluations.
2. Anti-Bullying Curriculum (postponed until the October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting)
3. Discussion with Norman Firefighters.

Item 7, being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION.

No Discussion

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.